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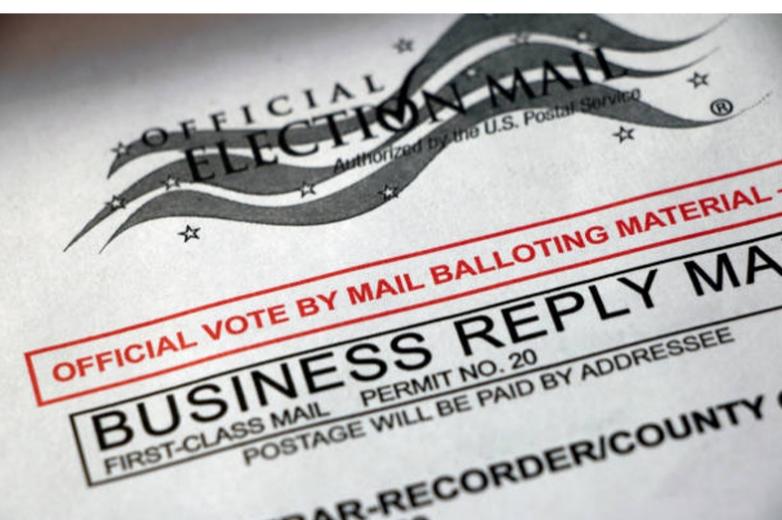
New WEC Website Goes Live In July

Starting the first week in July, the WEC's agency website will have a whole new look! With improvements on content organization and placement, along with an enhanced search function, we're confident the new website will better serve both clerks and voters alike.

Why the rollout in the first week of July? There are a couple reasons for this timing. First, the rollout will come after the nomination paper filing deadline of June 1 and after the deadline to send out absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters on June 23. Also, this timing will be before the start of In-Person Absentee Voting and will also allow us to work out any kinks prior to the Partisan Primary and General Election later this year.

Also, we're conducting moderated usability testing in June, and we could use your help! We need clerks and poll workers (chief inspectors, election inspectors, etc.) to interact with the website to help ensure information and materials are findable, and to gauge the overall usability of our new website's organizational structure. It won't take long, and it will help us a lot. Please consider [clicking here](#)* to lend a hand with this final step!

* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CC3YD8F>



Third-Party Mailers

Independent third-party groups and political parties often send various mailers to voters throughout Wisconsin. These mailings are not from the WEC and WEC does not have the ability to limit third-party mailings to voters. As a result, the mailers sometimes contain errors or omissions.

These mailings frequently contain voter registration forms, absentee ballot request forms, and polling place information. If you receive forms such as these from a voter, they should be examined for completeness as you would any other request received by mail. Please review any form you receive to ensure all required information and supporting documentation have been provided by the voter.

Don't Forget to Send Letters to Absentee Voters By Next Monday!

Now is the time to ensure that absentee voters are current with their requests for ballots. For example, if an absentee ballot was not returned from an Indefinitely Confined voter in the Spring Election, clerks must send a letter informing the voter that their absentee request will be canceled unless the voter applies for renewal within 30 days. To give voters 30 days to respond prior to the mailing deadlines for the Partisan Primary in August, these letters need to be sent no later than May 23rd. The letters are available in WisVote within the Absentee Record under Letters.

Clerks should also be inactivating any calendar-year absentee ballot requests for voters who failed to return their absentee ballot for the Spring Election. Notice of this action should be provided to the voter within five days if possible, and, unlike the 30-Day Indefinitely Confined letter, this notice does not allow for renewal. If voters would like to receive absentee ballots for future elections, then they will need to reapply.

Upcoming Deadlines

- May 20, 2022
 - Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents to file Notifications of Noncandidacy (EL-163). Clerks must also publicize this information promptly.
- May 31, 2022
 - Deadline for filing officers to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Partisan Primary.
- June 1, 2022
 - Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers.
 - Deadline for filing officers to file copies of referendum questions with county clerks.
- June 9, 2022
 - Deadline to establish In-Person Absentee Voting sites.
 - <https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/recent-communications/5.17.22>

Upcoming Elections

August 9, 2022 - Partisan Primary
November 8, 2022 - General Election

Upcoming Commission Meetings

June 10, 2022 - Ballot Access
June 22, 2022 - Second Quarterly Meeting

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